

Maria Chapman the great Abolitionist

Dear Mrs Arnold,

Many thanks
for the plants & roots you
were so kind as to send
me. You may infer
the quality & degree of our
floriculture here, from
my poor homage of
a bouquet of the only
Flowers the land has for.
And since Weymouth

was a town.

In the midst of
so many other occupa-
tions & responsibilities, I
have always been refused
to undertake those little
gardening enterprises.

But my sister encouraged
me by your example
& she, indeed, to think
that the greater growths
one cherishes need not
check the less: - and I
was greatly struck & touched

by one instance of
it in Mr Arnold's
Admirable self-dedication
to his new Bedford School,
of which it seems to
me not many persons
would be capable. It
will be his all-sufficient
reward that what is
important in every form
of existence from the
low house to the human
mind will go on
growing while the
races endure.
With remembrance

Thanks I am
dear Mrs. Arnold

Yours very truly
W. W. Chapman

Beymouth
May 25th 1857